

Portland, Oregon, Oct 1.

1885

Mrs Mary F Jackson  
Galveston Ill.

Dear Madam

Your letter to your husband  
go forward to Sister this P.M. for Idaho.  
I fully expected Dr to be here on return Aug 25th  
and more fully expected him on return Sept 25th  
I have no direct information from him at all  
Dr Hill says in a letter he rec<sup>d</sup> from Mr Kelly  
the man in chge of S I T School, that Dr J was  
expecting to come down on Idaho but was arrest<sup>d</sup>  
at the last moment. No particulars are  
given - I think you need have no fears of his  
personal safety - The D-L is very mad because  
of attempts made to wrest Alaska from his sway.  
and he will do everything possible against any  
and all who oppose his will & way.

I need not quote to you who know so well  
about "The Everlasting Sours." "They who are with us are  
more than all they who are against us" "No harm  
shall come nigh thy dwelling" All this turmoil  
and strife shall eventually redound to the  
Glory of God. I am confidently trusting and  
believe soon Christ's Cause shall triumph in Alaska.

God bless you and give you a restful trust  
in Him who has promised.

Your bro in C  
Wm Wadhams



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280 Broadway, New York, Oct. 3rd 1885

Dear Mrs. Jackson, Galveston, Ohs.  
 You may have stated  
 word from a about Dr. Jackson  
 than we — but word  
 has come to us this morn-  
 ing that he was detained  
 only half an hour after the  
 steamer got off — the ob-  
 -ject of keeping him back  
 was gained — One letter  
 says Dr. Jackson hoped to  
 get off in a sailing vessel —  
 Rev. Mr. Beattie of Chester N. York

has just left the office —  
He was on the Alaska steamer  
& saw the whole proceeding  
which was evidently plan-  
-ned between the Captain,  
& those unprincipled officials.  
The new Governor ch. were  
expected this day Mrs. Austin  
wrote —

If you have more, please  
let us know — & we will  
do the same —

With constant love

yr. friend

J. E. H. Haines Sec.



**Bureau of Education,**

*Washington, D. C.,*

Oct. 3, 1885.

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I.N.W.

Mrs. Sheldon Jackson,  
No. 345 North Kellogg St.,  
Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. Reigart has read to me your letter expressing anxiety about your husband. There has been some singular delay about the mail. We are only just now in receipt of information that should have reached us last month. The last letter from Dr. Jackson was dated Aug. 26th. He was then well and struggling to forward his work, obstructed only by the misconduct of certain men. These men have been removed, however, by the President.

Only Mr. Lewis, clerk of the court, and Mr. Brady of this class of officials have been retained. The new officials, Governor, District Attorney, Marshal, and Judge, as I understand, have all gone to Sitka and must have taken possession of their offices and a new order of things been introduced. I regret exceedingly that you have not heard from Dr. Jackson as you have expected, but I think

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I.N.W.

you can be assured of his good health and that he is triumphing over all the efforts to destroy the schools or to do his character injury.

Very sincerely yours,

*John P. Eaton*



October 8/85

Dear Doctor;

I am writing a report to the Atty Genl of the action taken by me in the cases against you — in which you will also be interested, I think. — I want to give him a brief statement of the facts, as to the roads with plat, so that he can fully understand the case. Will you please give me written mem. of the distances of part of old road cut off & new connection made by you? Also date of erection of first building & Alteration of road. — Yours truly  
M. S. Ball

Will call for answer  
on return from Indian River

Rev Dr Jackson

Presently

October 9/55

My dear Dr Jackson

I have your letter and its inclosures. I take up pen to say that I have sent your article in the set up & followed it with a pretty vigorous Editorial. I know really nothing of you except by reputation. But I go ahead on that. I will furthermore write



the President and Secretary  
Lamar on the matter  
Smith he would send  
me out there to report  
and investigate the  
subject! I will send  
you copies of the paper.  
By the way. I wrote  
my editorial before  
seeing your second  
letter. But it is as  
well: I will follow  
it up with a second  
Ed. As I fight sin

not afraid of them  
when I know I am  
in the right I will  
push ahead. and I  
think I will push  
ahead in your matter.  
He doesn't get an  
paper & I know his  
sister who seems to  
care. He will see  
what can be done. -  
Please acknowledge  
this let me know  
promptly if anything



respt. Don't address  
me as a nunista  
I am a layman  
"fit into the schellin"  
& served four years  
on the staff of Gen  
Geo H Thomas.

Yours faithfully  
Marshall H Wright  
Editor C. W.

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THE CHRISTIAN AT WORK,

NEW-YORK.

EDITOR'S ADDRESS,

HARRYTOWN-ON-HUDSON.

Oct 14/

Dear Dr Jackson

Since writing you I  
have become acquainted  
with the fact of the removal  
of the officers named. An  
effort is being made to  
reinstall Judge Mc Miller  
and I think our papers  
generally will oppose that.  
I sent you copies of  
our paper, and will  
send paper containing  
your second article.

I very much



wish you would write  
me an article giving  
me information as to  
the Society, the subjects  
interests & other matters  
of interest. The publisher  
pays \$5 for articles (about  
1200 words or  
so, and I wish you  
would send us some  
thing. We have no  
correspondents at

Alaska: why Cant  
you represent us  
there? Please let  
me hear from you.

Yours faithfully  
M. H. Bright

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CHURCH  
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Salisbury Square,  
London, E.C.

Oct. 15 1885

Dear Sir,

We have to thank you  
for your letter of July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
just received, and have  
much pleasure in forwarding  
the little book you request.

The monthly packet  
of our publications was sent  
to you as Editor of a Missionary  
Magazine. When you resigned  
that post the packet was  
stopped in accordance with our

usual custom; but we shall  
gladly continue to send you  
the Annual Report in consideration  
of the interest you take in our  
work - We have the  
pleasure to forward that for  
the past year -

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

S. F. Douday

Ass. Mang. Sec. of B. S.

R. D. Jackson

U. S. General Agent of Product in Alaska  
Sitka

Alaska



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23 Centre Street, New York, Oct:22nd., 1885 5

Mrs Sheldon Jackson, 345 N Kellogg St. Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Mrs Jackson:-

We have an indefinite sort of a report here that Dr. Jackson has arrived in Illinois; if so ask him to let us know. Our last letters from Alaska are more encouraging. Mr. Kelly says he thinks the outside troubles are about over. We have asked that Miss Dauphin be not recommissioned. If you think Mr. Jackson is well enough to receive any message, please remember me to him with much cordial respect. Mrs Charles E. Walker arrived in Brooklyn from Colorado on Saturday evening, but is seriously sick, and we fear that after all she will not be able to do the work at present in the way of attending series of meetings, for which especial purpose we had sent for her.

With love your friend,

F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

United States Freedmen's Bureau

Oct 29th., 1865

Mrs Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Galesburg, Ill.

Dear Mrs Jackson:-

Thank you very much for sending us word that you had heard from Dr. Jackson, and when you expect to see him. This relieves our minds as well as yours. Ask him when he comes to write here at once, saying what his plans are as to coming this way; and remember me to him most cordially.

Affectionately, your friend

F. E. H. Haines, Sec.



Wm  
Dear Friend

Oct 27 / 55

Dear Stephen Johnson Esq

My Dear Friend -

I cannot do

more, and I surely cannot  
do less than express to you my  
deep disgust & ardent in-  
dignation at the measure in  
which you have been treated in  
Rhode. Of all distressing  
political blunders, from first  
- last the Rhode appoint-  
ments have been the worst.

I understand that the father  
of the Judge (Archibut Appointed)  
went on to Washington to get  
him re-instated, as Charles as  
man was found to be inel-  
igible. I' course you know far  
better than I do what course

To take - I think in your  
place I should see Miss B  
in Wash. & tell her clearly.

The story of vice & intemperance  
& how armies & degraded relatives  
are given school girls to carry to  
the camps for destruction, while  
in the rest no court would give  
a minor <sup>an</sup> immoral mother  
even, or change their guardian-  
ship against their will. Stir  
Miss C. up & perhaps she can  
act a private war. for you with  
the Pres<sup>t</sup> & if he has a heart  
in his body you mean this win-  
up. John is in Norfolk. He  
wants to see you, & talks of  
asking his pastor to send  
get you up there or down there  
to speak some Sunday. Much  
love to your family  
I am - Dear Friend  
A. C. Fairbank



Carlisle Pa.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Dear Bro. Sheldon,

I have just rec<sup>d</sup>.

a letter from Louise which proposes that she shall leave Galesburg on Monday morning. We will be delighted to see her on Tuesday, if she can carry out her plans. If she does start on Monday I fear she may not get my last letter to her. Will you kindly re-direct it to her at Carlisle Pa.

I Congratulate you on your escape from those polar bears who have been hunting for you. Many will tell you how she & I labored to defend you, but

found that as usual our  
little brother was abundantly  
able to take care of himself.  
We were a good deal amused  
to find you in ahead of us  
with both the "Interior" and  
the "Review & Presbyter".

I thought it was just as  
well that our statement was  
not printed as it might have  
resulted in a suit for libel.  
I hope the new men may prove  
more of a credit to the coun-  
try, & a comfort to the mission-  
aries than the first incumbents.

I am glad you can be  
with Father now for a while.  
It will be a great pleasure  
to you both, & I hope he will  
now continue to improve;  
he has had a hard time, but  
I do not think his own courage



failed him any time.

We shall expect you when you come East, & I hope you will come prepared to make us a good long visit. Remember life is short, And once of these short turns in life you will disappear and then we will wonder what kind of a little brother that was we once had. Do come & give us a chance to get acquainted with you.

But I must stop this rambling epistle. Please give our love to all the family. And believe me, as ever,

Your affectionate Bro.  
Geo. Norcross.

Sitka Alaska

July 21<sup>st</sup> 1885

My very dear wife. The Steamer  
brought me a large office desk  
& Chair. & I celebrate the occasion  
by sending you the first letter from  
it. The desk is a large double one  
solid black walnut with 12 drawers  
& two cupboards or bookshelves. I am now  
conveniently fixed for storing away  
papers &c. I believe I sent your last  
letter to Mill Point. I am sorry as  
it will make 3 or 4 days difference  
in your reception of it. I had  
directed the envelope to me with  
also when I supposed you was going  
last. & during the month I placed  
the sheets in it, but then I should be  
overlooked & in the hurry of steaming  
time I neglected to change the envelope.  
Mrs McFarland got away  
at midnight on Sabbath last. She  
sent to the Steamer the lumber wagon  
heaped full of boxes, trunks &c. ~~There~~  
~~is some gossip~~ now she had 20. Now  
Mrs Mawdoe gave me 20\$ in gold to help  
furnish the teacher's table, 5\$ for a  
wedding present for Rudolph & Daisy  
& 5\$ for medicines for the comfort of  
John's husband. Another excom-  
munist (I do not know his name) gave  
Mr Clouston 20\$ for himself.

## Gen Grant's funeral

along in the Loyal Legion. ~~as he marched~~  
Secretary Manning was more looked for than  
any other member of the Cabinet.  
President Cleveland endured the long ride  
in an open carriage heroically. He was unable  
to get a favorable position around the tomb  
during the ceremonies, as his right foot was  
asleep when he alighted from his carriage and  
he had difficulty in walking.  
There was not an accident of a serious nature  
during the whole march. Senator Everts rode  
out alone.  
Logan's features were instantly recog-

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1885

I find this Commencement of  
a letter in my drawer. Now forward  
it. Last Steamer brought the  
New officials & during the 24 hours  
the Steamer was here, I had the  
Judge open Court to see if I could  
not get away - , but Col Ball the  
New Dist Attorney did not have time  
to examine the indictments against  
me & the matter could not be reached  
legally, so I had to remain over  
another month. It was a great trial  
after hearing that Father was so low  
not to be able to hurry to Galisburg.  
Last Monday (5<sup>th</sup>) Court was in  
Session again & my Cases were  
reached & dismissed without  
trial, the Court asserting ~~not only~~  
<sup>that</sup> ~~was~~ what I had done, was not  
only, not wrong, but worthy of  
Commendation instead of Cen-  
sure -



If nothing new turns up, I  
will leave on the steamer, now  
expected any day.

My detention here has enable<sup>d</sup>  
me to accomplish many  
things that would otherwise  
have remained undone.

The new officials have all  
written to Washington, blaming  
the old officials for their course  
& commending me & my work.

Many of the ecclesiasticalities of the  
old set are being brought to light  
& officially reported to Washington.  
The new Officers are also reporting  
against Col. French, Capt. Nichols  
& Capt. Carroll - Mr. Willard  
& family & Miss Matthews came  
last steamer -

The Teachers of the School  
gave the new officers a supper  
& a reception.

The Priest Metropolsky & his family have removed to San Francisco. They left on the East-Steamer. An Assistant Priest keeps up the service at present.

The Roman Catholic Bishop is here, & expects to start a Convent & School.

Some men, that accompanied the New Governor, have bought out a portion of Haley's Mines for \$10,000.

Judge Dawne has decided that the Indian boys can build out at the Mission if they wish & no one can prevent them; Also that the Mission can fence across the Davis Road - Thus we have gained every point - Controverted last Spring.

He also has decided that the Sup<sup>t</sup> can make Contracts with Indian parents for their Children.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Oct 23. 1885-

Mr Max Pracht

Loring Alaska

Dear Sir

~~I have had occasion~~  
Having for several years been interested  
in the elevation of the native race in  
S.E. Alaska - & more latterly Com-  
missioned by U.S. Govt to provide  
Schools for the Children. I have  
watched with interest the ~~commencement of the~~ develop-  
ment of ~~the~~ fishing, Mining &  
lumbering interests. as so many  
factors in the education of the natives  
<sup>are difficultly</sup>

In the establishment of schools  
is the number of small villages, with  
from 5 to 100 people - too small  
to justify the expense of establishing  
a school among them. Hence  
an effort will be made to made to  
combine the small villages of the  
same locality into one with <sup>a</sup>  
sufficient population to justify a  
good school.

The 1<sup>st</sup> difficulty is largely due  
to & dependant upon a second



viz - the want of industries to support a large population in one place. As you know by scattering around a few at each Salmon Stream they can get out a support of berries oil & dried salmon.

If they combine their settlements it is necessary that they should be in the vicinity of a fishery, saw mill, or mines at which they can earn wages & purchase supplies.

In this connection there is another practical difficulty. To give the natives only book instruction in the schools does not improve their condition. For as through instruction their ideas of life & knowledge of the outside world are enlarged, they gradually become dissatisfied with their former methods of life & begin to assimilate to American ideas. Tables, chairs, crock stores, beds, crockery dishes ~~gradually~~ begin to come into use, all of which necessitate some way of ~~making~~ <sup>earning</sup> more money.

To meet this we propose giving not only book instruction, but practical industrial training in the Govt schools & to locate them as far as possible in the neighborhood of American industries.

For these & other reasons I am interested in the commencement your company has made at Loring.

In your neighborhood are the three small native villages of Tongass Cape Fox & Scow. These people have promised us to unite in one village if we will agree to locate a school among them.

Why could not these villages be centered at Loring?

You are in the midst of an ~~excellent~~ good lumber region - one of the best in Alaska.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

If your Company would undertake to utilize those interests & erect a saw mill, you could probably secure those people; the saw mill both providing them lumber for the erecting their dwellings & employment for their hands -

The development of the lumber & fishing interests at Loring ought to build up a large prosperous village, which if managed in a liberal spirit will both promote the interests of the Company & of the Nation.

If your Company ~~would~~ ~~grant us a good location~~ ~~unite~~ ~~and disposed~~ ~~favorable to the~~ ~~project~~ ~~set apart a suitable~~ grant us a good location for a school building & teacher's residence - set apart a suitable site for the Native houses, & require of them in the erection of their <sup>village</sup> ~~houses~~ suitable sanitary regulations - <sup>and will</sup> unite with us in keeping from them intoxicating

liquors + promoting the observance  
of the Sabbath, the Government  
will establish a good School at  
your place, erect the necessary  
buildings for School + teacher  
+ do what we can to help you  
build up a Model Settlement.

I can furnish you plans of  
Model buildings for the ~~Indians~~  
natives - just such buildings  
as they ~~natives~~ will be required to  
erect, who may wish to build  
near the Training School at Sitka.

If this project meets with  
the approval of your Company  
please let me know by the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of Jan, that we may arrange  
our plans for the Spring -

Very Truly yours -

Sheldene Jackson



Jackson Alaska  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1883-

My dear Dr.

Yours of Aug 24<sup>th</sup>

Containing check for \$30 <sup>and for mail</sup> on mail  
account. Of course the matter  
of note in Bank at Portland has  
been attended to. The mail matter  
is behind, Cash nearly out & we  
must pay hard money for all we  
get here, and I have had to fur-  
nish the specie for the mill  
business. As to the \$1200 I have  
had nothing of it - no authoritative  
from any source, wife, Sister  
& Mr L. have talked of it, some  
thought for home others for school  
suggested to me what to do to whom  
to write &c. When we will  
do anything or what I do not  
know nor will trouble much  
to find out. I am glad the war  
is over, hope the participants

have glory enough.

Yours of Oct. 16 - written on Boonville the Idaho lies before me. I hope your estimate of new Officials & predictions for future may be correct.

Things are in worse condition, in many respects, than in this region than when I came to it. Certain local restraints have been removed by civilizing influences, the fear of the gunboat has measurably departed for obvious reasons, the civil law neither punishes the bad nor protects the good, there is less security for life and property here in Prince of Wales than three years ago and more lawlessness. If any in Congress are interested they should know this

of Law

the Shelton, be not a snare  
to us nor a reproach to  
them.

As for the mail route  
I have no suggestion to  
make in the contract mat-  
ter of course the mails are im-  
portant to us as the only  
link connecting us  
with the civilized world.

I do not incur liabilities  
except in matter of advan-  
cing money, but plenty of  
anxiety and responsibility.

am am a little disap-  
pointed if part of the  
savings cannot be ap-  
propriated as you pro-  
posed for the first year  
and a half. I've had many  
a squabble over it - and  
by firmness and tact  
have kept a fair margin.



Feeling money would be  
as well expended for the  
mission as by a motive for  
his own gratification.

I will look after the mat-  
ter of Carving.

School fairly pros-  
perous, many people  
away, will be more  
this winter than usual,  
because of some going at  
after times and no store  
here. The way for great  
spiritual good speedily  
looks dark indeed. But  
The Lord knows his  
own time 'till then we  
Labor and wait—

Accept from us all  
best wishes for yours & the hope the  
winter may pass pleasantly  
Sincerely J. Loomis

When you write us we will be glad when of  
you of Jackson's health

Washington,

Oct 27 1863.

Dear General Sherman,

I have just received your letter of the 25th.

I am glad to hear that you are well.

I am sure you will find the weather here very pleasant.

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1. The first thing I noticed when I stepped  
out of the car was the cold. It was a  
sharp contrast to the warm blanket I had been  
under. The air was crisp and clear, and I  
could see the snow-covered trees in the distance.  
The sun was shining brightly, and the snow  
was glistening in the sunlight. I took a deep  
breath and felt a sense of peace. It was  
just what I needed. I had been so stressed  
and worried about everything. But now, in  
this quiet, snowy landscape, I felt like I had  
found a sanctuary. I walked slowly, savoring  
the soft crunch of the snow under my feet.  
The trees were like giant sentinels, standing  
tall and proud. Their branches were heavy  
with snow, and they looked like a fairytale  
scene. I had never seen anything like this  
before. It was so beautiful, so peaceful. I  
felt like I had entered a new world. A world  
where everything was perfect. A world where  
I could finally relax and let go of all my  
problems. I had found it. I had found the  
place I needed. The snow was like a soft  
blanket, covering everything in a layer of  
white. It was so pure, so clean. I had  
never felt so at home before. I had found  
my place. I had found my peace. I had  
found my sanctuary. I had found the place  
I needed. The snow was like a soft blanket,  
covering everything in a layer of white. It  
was so pure, so clean. I had never felt so  
at home before. I had found my place. I  
had found my peace. I had found my  
sanctuary. I had found the place I needed.





Hartford, Conn, Nov. 6  
1855-

Rev. Stephen Jackson

Dear Sir,

Absence

from home must be my  
Excuse for not having  
sent an earlier acknowl-  
-edgment - of your letter  
of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

And I wish to  
say - right - here and  
now - (and so rid my  
conscience of a weighty matter)  
that I am mortified

beyond Expression at  
my own presumption  
in having forced upon  
you a matter of business  
which should have been  
referred to some person  
whose time is of less value  
than your own.

My zeal for the 'Cause'  
led me to write that impetuous  
letter, - for which I  
hope you will pardon me.

I should be glad  
if you would give me  
the name of any person  
in Little (or elsewhere)  
to whom I could write  
in case the Assoc. should



wish - in future - to make  
purchases of these novel goods.

The package of tobacco  
which reached me some  
days since. The barrels  
are not yet here, but doubt-  
less soon will be.

Please let me know  
if you have incurred  
any expense on our  
account.

I have heard  
of you most pleasantly  
within a short time, having  
spent some weeks with  
'our mutual friends'  
Mr. Thos. Joseph Cook,  
at their charming summer

home in Newburgh, N. Y.  
Mrs. Coll is one  
of the oldest and dearest  
friends I have.

With many thanks  
for your effort in our behalf -  
Believe me -

Very truly Yours  
Sara P. Kinney

Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions

Post Office Box 1000

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1855  
Rev. Sheldon Jackson S.D.  
345 N. Kellogg St.  
Galveston, Tex.  
Dear Sir & Brother,  
I add a pin to  
what said by type-written  
wishing to enclose a  
note just received from  
Miss Ida M. Rodgers,  
which will explain  
itself - She was here  
in New-York - & seemed  
very bright & energetic -



<sup>2</sup>  
I suppose Mr. Kelly will  
know what to do with  
her - I think the plan  
was for her to go into  
the school-room - If  
Miss Kilsey is sent there,  
Mr. Kelly will have to  
settle the matter -

I am corresponding  
at once in regard to  
a matron & seamstress -  
Do we need both - since  
Miss Rodgers has gone?  
yrs. people

F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

P.O. North Union St  
Rochester, N. Y.  
Nov 9th 1885

Dr Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir -

I recd yesterday  
your letter about the reappoint-  
ment of Judge Wm' Allister.  
I felt at first as if there was  
nothing I could do, as no one  
can have less influence in the  
great world than I, and all  
those <sup>men</sup> who could do anything polit-  
ically in old days, are intense  
Republicans -

I thought, however, there must  
be some one who could help or  
I should not have had your  
letter -

This morning however, I was

Dr. Colley, the President of our  
Church Missionary Society; and  
I went round to see Hon. Mr.  
Greenleaf, a member of Congress  
from this district.

He has always been interested  
about Indians. We found him  
already interested in Alaska  
matters. I told him the story  
and gave him your letter  
and papers.

He was much interested, and  
promised that he would do all  
in his power to get the matter  
rightly before the President. He is  
an honorable man and one  
that will do as he says.

This is the best that I can do  
in the matter.

I was talking yesterday with two  
or three people who know far



more of the political world  
than I, and was assured  
that there was little proba-  
bility of the reappointment of  
this person.

I deeply regret that before  
your statement of the Alaska  
case reached me, the Morning  
Herald underwent a change  
of Editors, my friend went out  
and those who are now there  
thought that "it would not  
do" to publish the truth.

I am going however to send  
your letter to Mr Greenleaf  
and leave the matter in  
his hands. He is a worthy man  
and a person of great influence  
in his own party, and will I  
doubt not use his whole  
influence as you would wish.  
May God prosper your cause.  
Why is the story not in our

Church papers -?

I had a letter from Peter Church the other day. He is well, and tells me he and another boy have started a young "peoples" "prayer meeting". I wish very much I could see you -

Mr Greenleaf gave me the address of a gentleman who has a good deal to do with Indian matters and who is interested in Indian education - Perhaps you know him already - He has intrest in Washington and Mr Greenleaf thought I would use it, I enclose the address You can say it was given to me by Hon Mr Greenleaf,

I often wish I could go to  
Alaska and come home  
and tell the story to the  
Churches.

God bless you and  
prosper your work —

Truly yours —  
Clara F. Gurnsey



Nov 10

J. Wilston Jr.

Boston

Mass

Dear Friend:

Your letter to  
is recd. I wrote Wm M  
Cleveland asking him to  
send my letter & yours to  
Miss Cleveland. My letter  
urged that Miss C. should  
get thro' the Sunderland on  
invitation of you & fill this  
gap for a Sunday eve  
Nov. 11. I will advertise & have  
Miss C. come to be & secure  
the President's presence.  
I said if they could not you  
took the paper & the Pres-  
in the paper should be willing  
to have the rest of your  
classroom & audience of  
the subject -

something will be done  
from all in this house &  
get you invited to speak in  
Amherst. I wish, in your  
other cases you could hear  
him & see in person if you  
hear or can hear of any fair  
persons opening for a young  
man, from 1800 up. I  
am very anxious to get him  
out of the service - It is he  
I think openings are slow, but  
there is only one man  
left, white & very old  
he is a first class telegraph  
& a expert in telegraph work  
he would take over any other  
work that would be  
required. I would like  
to hear of him.

There is a man  
from the telegraph

# Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

REV. H. S. LITTLE, Superintendent for the Synod of Texas.

P. O. Box 368.

Denison, Texas, Nov. 12 1885-

Rev. Charles Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother.

I prize your kind words of sympathy very highly. It is impossible to know why it was wise to deprive me of such a helper as Mrs. Little was. She knew every man and every girl; she attended to my correspondence in my many absences; she managed home affairs with wisdom; she never became discouraged. I missed her in all these ways and from home life and companionship. She was 1/2 my work and almost all of my home.

But you too have your trials the shameful arrest to which you have been subject fills me with indignation. My hope is

But in the end I will add to  
your influence, and tend to bring  
affairs to a favorable issue.

Yours very fraternally  
H. S. Little



**Sheldon Jackson Institute**

AN INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.

Sitka, Alaska, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson  
Dear Sir, --

Everything has gone pretty well with us this month. Of course my lady, before she has yet learned to control the temper, but I have learned to look upon this as an affliction upon which.

Of course the work is hard and much of it unpleasant, but most of our trials and troubles are but schoolmasters to bring us nearer to God. The boys are going out and doing well; the girls are learning housekeeping, and the boys are going to become carpenters, brick makers, and such like, even boys would gladly learn a trade.

We built a new floor in the lecture house covered the windows so that they do not leak.

Our last year is completed also, now we probably have made a headway.

I am now a copy of "The Black Man", then the summer work I will tell you later.

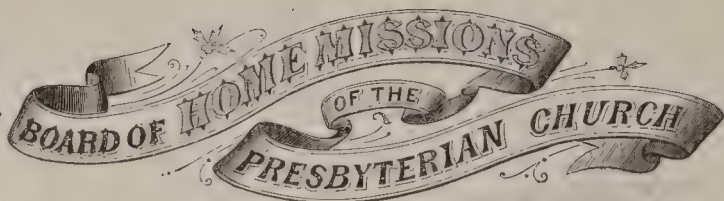
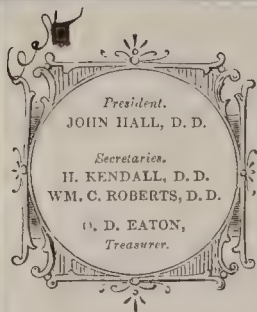
Very truly yours

W. H. Johnson

Many more you will find in the paper and I will tell you later.

I would build a boat house for \$2000 three hundred dollars.

We have a house to make a boat house and a house to make a house.



P. O. Box 1938.

No. 23 Centre Street.

New-York, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1885

My dear Jackson!

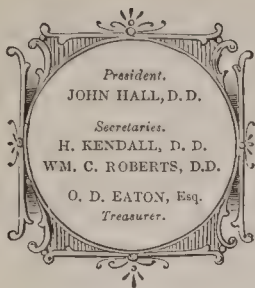
I am rejoiced to know that you are still in the land of the living

I will use the fact you give me in the way you suggest.

I hasten to enclose your check which I did not mail to you at Sitka, as there were many rumors about your whereabouts.

With many kind regards,  
I am

Very truly yours,  
O. D. Eaton



# The Board of Home Missions

OF

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P. O. Box 1938.

280 Broadway, New York, *Apr. 19* 1885

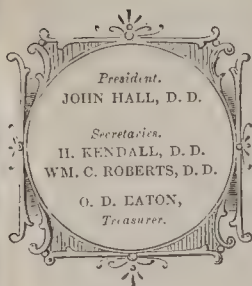
My dear Dr. Jackson:

I am glad to learn that you have returned from Alaska safe & sound. I offered special prayer for you every day for a about a month - for your safety when I heard of your detention. I felt uneasy about your life, but Dr. Good was your shield & buckler.

Dr. Goodall will not be in the office until the first or second week in December. I leave for the West on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. Can't you come up & take a hour, giving family dinner with me? My wife & children as well as myself will be delighted to have you. Do not say me, nay. I shall expect you. I want to talk to you about the troubles before I leave for Ohio.

Yours ever  
Wm. C. Roberts





BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P. O. Box 1938.

280 Broadway  
~~No. 23 Centre Street.~~

New-York, Nov 20 1885

Dear Dr Jackson

You have taken  
Miss Rankin from us for  
the Govt school. This makes  
it necessary for us to send  
another in her place. Will  
the Govt pay the traveling  
expenses? If not we are  
out that much.

Hope we will see you  
soon, and <sup>we</sup> congratulate you  
on your escape from your  
dangers.

Yours  
O. D. Eaton





to dinner at 242 Carroll  
St. Brooklyn — mean  
come! — on Thanksgiving  
even? (I find that  
Dr. Roberts wants you  
too — Come home if  
possible before  
then also — as you  
mean like —

(your affectionate father)

A. E. S. Haines

It is I think it ne-  
cessary for you to come  
to Tuesday Morning — as  
perhaps deciding as to  
Alaska work can be  
referred "with power" —

copied

A. L. Palmer

Difficulties at Sitka

1883-

Wm. Henderson Town

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1886.

Rev. Selden Jackson D.D.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

Your letter of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. announcing  
your safe arrival from  
Alaska is received. I  
most-heartily congratulate  
you upon your deliverance.  
When the Steamer Alcona  
turned away from the  
dock at Sitka on that  
August-day leaving you  
a prisoner in the hands  
of men who believed you  
were largely instrumental  
in obtaining their removal  
from office; it seemed to  
some of us that your life  
was far from safe. And  
I may say that coming east-

Through Idaho I met a  
Mr. Stevenson on his way  
to Washington - Mr. S was  
formerly from Central New  
York & knowing his relations  
I was led to become quite  
well acquainted with him du-  
ring a day's ride in the  
Baker Coach. He had been  
an old Indian agent &  
knew the difficulties attending  
dealing with Indians in the  
presence of Corbett White  
Men. When I told him the  
story as I had gathered it  
of Jim Worth & his kindred  
he turned to me earnestly  
and said - "they will kill  
him!" — I subsequently  
learned he had been summoned  
to Washington by the President -  
& since then seen that he  
is appointed Governor of  
Idaho. Mr. Stevenson said to  
me that - in his interview with



the President - he would state  
the Alaska matter as I had  
told him. - -

Coming down on the  
Alcon from Alaska in August  
I found there was very  
bitter feeling towards Capt.  
Carroll and the part of quite  
a number who had witnessed  
your arrest - some that  
he must have been in the  
plot. But there were others  
who were willing to speak  
unfavorably of your  
work & that of our mission  
in Alaska. Among the  
latter was a Mrs. Henry  
Stockbridge of Dalton  
Ind. a lady of large experience  
in affairs & I think a personal  
acquaintance of Miss Cleveland.  
She heard the express very  
indignation at the prostration  
of Civil war at - Pitkin to  
more selfish & malicious purposes.

but - was at first - willing to  
interview my student. I  
had but little to say to her  
on the way down. Arriving near  
Portland she came to me in  
the car and said she wanted  
to ask a favor of me. She  
said she should see Miss  
Chesland as soon as she  
arrived home and that -  
the Greek Priest - <sup>at Seattle</sup> - the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
or 1<sup>st</sup> officer on the Queen  
Capt. - Donahoe - Det. Curran  
& others had made up written  
statements against her  
& had entrusted them to  
her to deliver to Miss  
Chesland & reach  
the President. But - she  
was troubled over the  
matter & asked permission  
when she saw Miss C. to say  
that - I could give her all  
unbiased information  
at the schools in Alaska. I  
am just in receipt of a

letter from Mr. Eaton. Com-  
missioner of Education & mentioning her name.  
telling Mrs. Stoddridge I am  
and asking for said information.  
I therefore wrote it - Mrs. S.  
has seen Miss C. & this request  
from the Bureau of Education  
is the result of that interview.  
I state these facts to you  
that - you may be informed  
in the matter which I prefer  
that - you should not see  
my name if it is not really  
necessary.

I will also say I saw  
this day written in the Com. - what  
I understood to be the facts  
about Alaska & have quoted  
what - Ex Governor F. W. L. Smith  
Governor of California said to me  
of the character & usefulness  
for Mr. McAllister to be U. S. Judge  
in Alaska. This perhaps is  
better than for me to write to  
the President - direct - as  
are evidently authenticated

With Mr. Eaton while the  
President would have  
some difficulty in pointing out  
who such a very striking  
citizen is.

I can trust - sincerely  
say I hope now with this  
Government official in  
Alaska that your work  
will go forward, especially  
with in the Indian and  
White Schools. I am  
sure that while education  
at large is decidedly in  
favor of ample appropriations  
in Indian schools &  
if the trust - is well administered  
on the general trust -  
for the Indian problem is  
a satisfying way of solution.  
I shall remember the teachers  
& missionaries in Alaska with  
most pleasing satisfaction as  
men & women well fitted for and  
doing a good work, and  
shall continue now to be  
much interested in all



educational & Christian  
Progress in that Territory.

I am in a

very aid you in your efforts  
but be glad to do so.

Sincerely yours

A. L. Palmer.

P.S.

I am spending the winter  
at this place & am not  
expecting to return to Auburn  
until after my residence,  
A.L.P.

LAW-OFFICE OF EDWARD B. STURGES,  
110 119 WYOMING AVENUE,  
SCRANTON, PA.

Nov. 23<sup>d</sup> 1855

Dr. Jackson -

Dear Sir -

Thanks for slip  
enclosed. I hope the efforts  
to secure return of the old  
offices to Alaska will not suc-  
ceed.

We had a few hours delight-  
ful interview with Mrs McHar-  
land - last week.

If I can help you, any  
time, please let me know -  
Please remember me to your  
daughters & wife, of whom I  
have such pleasant recol-  
lections. The Commodore

and Wife. (née Pinney)-  
are living cosily and happily  
here. So some Mission  
work was done, outside, for I  
hope & believe she will keep  
him all right -

Yours very sincerely  
Edw. Pinney

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*Portland Oregon,* Nov 24th, 1885

REV. SHELDON JACKSON, D.D.,  
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Sir;

Your kind favor of the 16th duly to hand, with check for amount of account as advised; inclosed please find receipted statement; I have marked the bill "Duplicate" and receipted it also.

I too think, with you, that the Synod made a great mistake in dropping Mr. Hill; it was some more maneuvering of our mutual friend, Dr. Lindsley. There were some in the Synod who were dissatisfied because Mr. Hill was not holding revival meetings all over the country; and others who thought, on account of the stringency of the times, the Synod could get along without a missionary, etc. But Mr. Hill has done more for the Synod of the Columbia than any other man that was ever in its employ; he has done more for the Indian education and for the permanent good of Presbyterianism than any man here in the bounds of the Synod. And I hope that the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions will still retain him in their employ as a general supervisor of the works pertaining to the Board in this Synod.

The freight bill for the stuff sent you will also be sent you on return of the steamer, and you can send me check for the amount.

Yours Resp,

*Wm Wadham*



John H. Mitchell  
Ralph M. Dement.

Mitchell & Dement,  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law,

Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, Hamm Building,

N. E. Cor. First and Pine Streets;

Portland, Oregon, November 27<sup>th</sup> 1885.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson. D.D.

~~care~~ Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

My dear Sir: Please accept my very sincere  
thanks for your kind and cordial letter of congratulation.

Truly Yours

John H. Mitchell

ALFRED S. FRANK,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
ROOM 21, UNION BLOCK,

Portland, Oregon, Nov 28 1885

Rev Sheldon Jackson,

Washington  
D. C.

Dear Doctor-

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst - just rec'd.  
Enclosed please find Indictments and  
also copy of Section 106 Laws of Oregon  
as amended by Laws 1880 p 28

If this is not what you want - let  
me know

Yours Truly  
Alfred S. Frank

Jackson Alaska

Dec 13 / 83

For Brother Jackson

The Kysch

Chief in town called a council last night. They were greatly displeased much had been promised them - but little had been done.

The four things they most needed Church School Store and Mill they had not - except the Mill for it was not running. Sooner they would have to go back to the old way, arrows skin clothing & only Indian food.

They have just learned what is their head master and want to know from him what to do

They want to take care  
of themselves if they can  
and will help themselves  
if they can have some-  
thing to do. But they  
not from promise so  
much they do not  
know what to do or  
expect. If they could  
be told what to do and  
what is going nearly  
to be done for them  
then they will know  
what to do & take heart.  
Would I, while at the  
head man at Washing-  
ton am learn what he  
was going to do for  
them & what he  
expected of them as  
his children. His people  
they did not want to  
serve two masters



only the United States,  
This is about the  
Sum of the speeches in  
a long night Council  
in which I gave them  
such encouragement as  
I could, and such advice  
as they would bear.

Could write much  
more of the Council but  
have not now a  
moment of time  
but thought it  
might be well to send  
you this.

The Council was no  
suggestion of mine  
Res

L. L. Grant

Alaska Mission

Alaska

Dec 3rd 1885

Wm Sheldon Jackson Esq

U.S. Dept Education for Alaska

Dept Interior, Wash DC.

Dear Sir

I received your kind letter  
and I was happy to hear you had  
outdone those who tried their best  
to win you. Your saying is true  
that the Lord would let them go so  
far and no farther. Is it not a  
sad thing about H. Kett being killed  
he was thrown off a train while  
drunk - Is it Retribution. Judge  
McAllister came up on the last steamer  
They say he is raising a petition  
against you. He asks for signs  
if I hear any more of it I will let  
you know. Will you get me the book  
Book talks your book my book

W. S. S. - I am doing some writing  
which I will turn over to you when  
finished I need the books so as to ex-  
pose myself. Haunegar Bob says if you  
will give them a school he will give  
his house. I stopped at Sep & Kan on  
my way home from Waukege. You never  
seen seen such misery. They are  
making hootchous. I kicked over two  
stills but they had hidden the rum  
Or Cant you have something done  
for them. They say give us a school  
and we will stop all this wicked work  
Klawalk is just as bad as ever  
Remember me kindly to Mrs Jackson  
Hoping this will find you well  
I remain ever

Yours in Time

W. D. McLeish

P. S. I thank you for the Gads I appreciate  
your kindness. I have enough lumber  
sawed to build a school house

Why dont the board send some more  
money to work with - if you go to  
New York will you see about it  
if they send money let it be in silver  
as we have no store here - Tell them  
to send right away so that in the  
spring we can go ahead building

Yours

W. B. Brown



# Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions

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280 Broadway, New York, Dec. 7, 1885

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Galatburg, Ill.  
Dear Sir,

Will you please give me a list of the idols used among Indians, or any other people living in the U.S.A.

Also please tell me where they are used. I am preparing a series of exercises for Sunday schools and want to give correct information.

If there are pictures of these idols please tell me where I can find them, and very much oblige yours cordially,  
(Mrs. M. E. K.) Alice W. Knox.

# THOMAS KANE & COMPANY

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Chicago Ill. Dec. 10th . 1885.

Mr. Sheldon Jackson,

Galesburg, Ill.

My Dear Sir;—

Mr. Kane desires me to write to you and express his regret that he was absent from the office at the time you called. He wishes me further to say to you that he would be very glad to have you drop him a line, advising him when you expect to be in Chicago next, and making an appointment with him at his office as he is quite desirous of seeing you and talking over several matters of interest , both to him and yourself.

Yours Very Sincerely,

*W. C. Kane*

Dictated

Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1885.  
Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Dear Sir -

Thomas F. McEl-  
a most reputable and compe-  
tent attorney at our bar, has  
had a vision - He envisioned  
that a man of - (not Macedonia  
but) Alaska - has called him  
to do a great work there, in  
uplifting the people. To do this  
the judgeship seems to him to  
be a proper stepping-stone,  
and he has asked me to write  
you to speak a good word for  
him, and thereby assist in  
his great missionary project.

But seriously, he has  
some reason for thinking his  
appointment possible, and it  
would be a grand thing for every

good interest in Alaska, if he could succeed. He is a thorough bred Christian; a splendid Support of one of our largest Sunday Schools, and Straight in every way. He seems to have this idea conscientiously, as he would give up far more here that he could get of personal gain or comfort there. He has a splendid wife (I am told), and two children. It's a dream, if not a vision, and a call, as he thinks of it. - So I write this letter -

You will know whether there is to be any vacancy as he says there is to be, and whether you could help him in any way. He would be a great ally in any good work. - Please give my regards to your family. Respy Yrs Edward B. Sturges



Mill Point - N.Y.  
Dr Sheldon Jackson Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>/85

Dear Bro,

The "Bonds" on  
the "bids" are more than  
the Department require  
which I did not notice  
untill they were all signed  
if it makes any difference  
send them back & I will  
have ~~new ones~~ executed  
I have not filled up the  
time as I did not know  
just the term. you look  
the papers over & supply  
what is needed.

I enclose a Christmas  
for the girls. get what you  
or Mary think best.  
all well. Yours truly, James  
Moore

Ally, R. Thomas

Brookville Pa.

Jan 1, 1880

Brookville

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John W. Thomas

Brookville Pa.

May

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Brookville

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

General Agent of Education in Alaska.

*Re: copy of letter from*

*Sitka, Alaska, Dec. 20, 1888.*

*To the*

*President*

*Dear Sir*

*Your letter of Dec*

*20th was received today as I was leaving  
Sitting for a copy of a letter  
from your sister touching Alaska matters.*

*I do not know who made the statement  
so far as I can remember I have never  
received a letter, note or written communi-  
cation from your sister - certainly not  
during the past year.*

*I ~~know~~ the statement is  
The ~~statement~~ conveyed by the State  
Must that I have shown such a letter*

is a falsehood. The Recorder & Chamber  
of the State Court sent out from  
Alaska concerning my work is something  
wonderful. I fear that some prejudiced  
affidavits have been sent.

I expect to be in Washington the 1<sup>st</sup>  
of Jan. & as soon after as is convenient  
I would like to have a personal interview  
with Alaska Trustees. My address is  
The Board of Bureau of Education, Washing.  
D.C.

Please enclose  
Wishing you the greetings of the New  
Year I remain very truly yours  
Shirley Jackson



~~Home~~

~~Rev John Reid Jr~~

~~Fort Townsend~~

~~The House~~

~~Fort Vancouver W. T.~~

~~Please return to~~

~~H. T.~~

Mr Sheldon Jackson D.C.

Bureau of Education

Washington D.C.

Dear Bro: -

Your very kind letter, with an answer to prayer enclosed, came to hand this morning. I can scarcely tell you how glad we all feel since its receipt, my poor dear wife was not at all well yesterday & confined to bed part of the day, but when I allowed her to read your letter, she said "I feel better now, - can work today - it's worry that has me". And that too will prove such a comfort to us all, for we are a good deal "run down" in the clothing line, but bless the Lord! He is always better to us than we deserve; and when we pray for a little money to tide us over these dark days He sends us the promise of a box with it "more than we ask or think" - as Billy Bran, the Cornish quiver, used to say - "Thank the dear Lord for it; it's just like Him, to send such blessings, to such poor sinners as we be".

As to my "insufficient Salary" - as you desired me to do, when passing thro P. J. - I have with last report - got P. J. - sent a statement and

informed the Board that I had asked upon your suggestion; that having passed thro' this place so often you knew something of the position & affairs; and hoped that they would not enforce, in my case, the 25% reduction: As I have no repl. as yet, in the way of remittance, I cannot tell whether it was favorably received or not.

My brother James is not with us just now - he is in Victoria - but I trust to see him soon, as I am in communication with Col. Powell - New Indian Agent at Neah Bay - re Assistant Teachers' position - Powell wrote me about the place, asking if I knew a Presbyterian who would accept it. Stating that he himself was a Presbyterian and did not "intend to let the Episcopals run things all their own way, as they had been doing" - the last Agent was in league with Bishop Paddock - so, as my brother consents, I hope he will go down soon. It is not a "fat" bill, but will help to get my brother's "hand in"; \$80 a year, room, fire & light - Board is "be-hadable" at \$12 to \$14 a month.

My father is getting on fairly well at Corvallis, but the place was in a dilapidated condition - Church leaky & windy, &c. &c. Membership - a skeleton of the



former days, but he is hopeful of building it up once more. He aided Bro. Geo. R. Thompson at Vancouver for 2 weeks, before coming to Corvallis, and then had quite a revival, in which Methodists joined & good seems to have been done to all the Churches.

Bro. W. B. Lee is "gout" of the Women's Christian Union at Olympia - is "down" upon the women preachers, altho' he admits women Teachers, it seems as much as the bargain.

Bro. W. Farland is in a fix about the Chinese question and it's hard to tell what may be the result. So far, I am thankful to say, we have had no Chinese difficulties here, nor are there likely to be any.

Miss Rodgers was greatly disheartened when she arrived here (over land route) at 6 am one cold, wet, dark morning - found her way to a Hotel, where there was no fire in the sitting-room next morning and feeling "blue" she became disconsolate - a Quakeran who dined at the hotel seeing her plight made some enquiries as to her plans & then told her that there was a Presbyterian Minister over the hill - she came up placed her <sup>Commission</sup> ~~letter~~ in my hands and burst into tears. Said she never

felt so lonely in her life - she stayed with us 3  
days & then we saw her safe aboard - brighter  
happier than when she arrived. I was very glad  
that she came overland, for the "Idaho" had the  
most violent passage ever realized by the Capt. & crew,  
many on crossing the "Columbia" Bar believed  
she would founder. One of the crew said they "fairly"  
flew, as thro' the air, at times, and then a crash! -  
but she weathered it well. I fully expected that I  
would have heard from her <sup>very soon</sup> by return mail, but I  
find nothing in my box today altho' the steamer  
came in yesterday.

We have had exceptionally stormy weather - fierce winds,  
at times piercingly cold, and heavy rains - the result  
is that between 5, & 6,000 of damage has been  
done to our sea wall.

My wife, Sister & I all unite (and I think we  
could, if she could) in Christian love  
to yourself & dear wife - In as much as ye have  
done it unto one of the least of these my disciples,  
ye have done it unto me. May our prayers on  
your behalf be answered, to your joy, comfort &  
blessing. Apologising for taking up so much  
of your time. Yours faithfully, J. W. Foster



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Washington D.C.

Dr Sir

Your favor of the 24<sup>th</sup> is recd. and  
 I beg to express my gratification concerning  
 its contents. I have no doubt but that by  
 Feb'y 1<sup>st</sup> all will be well with us, and we will  
 be ready to accept any business which may come  
 in our way. As to freights by Schooner or Str  
 just at this time I am undecided. I believe  
 that the P.C.S.S.G. now that the Idaho has been  
 seized for smuggling (see yesterdays Chronicle which  
 I mail you). ~~I think the G.~~ will be disposed to  
 listen to reason and not only take Carroll off  
 the route, but concede something to the mer-  
 chants along the line. With the discounts we  
 can get on all sorts of goods & materials, we  
 can guarantee you Schooner rates on Str  
 goods, even if to do so. we would have to



(2)  
abate a portion of our profits, which at any  
rate we are willing to do. to enable you  
to build up a model settlement at Loring,  
and I assure you that on my part, nothing  
will be left undone to make Loring a shining  
light for you in Alaska. and I can do it  
and will do it, if you give me the chance.

You are certainly right in your views as  
regards the civilization and reformation of  
the natives, keep intoxicants away from  
them, and they are a well disposed, peaceful  
and industrious race, give them employment  
and they are contented and happy, and  
barring the "Black Sheep" usual to every  
band, firmness and gentleness directed by a  
sense of unbiassed justice, will enable any  
decent white man to rule a colony of  
natives to their moral and physical welfare.

I think the beautiful location and  
in a sense peculiar isolation of Loring will  
adapt it to a certainty to the wants of your  
Dept in establishing and maintaining a  
training school, and as my Company  
has, and means to retain control of both  
shores of the inlet, there will be no chance  
for the establishment of whiskey Mills



except at some distance, and if proper authority is vested in some one at Loring, to act as Justice of the Peace or its equivalent there need be no fear of the vicissitudes of white law breakers. - So far in my dealings with the natives, I have had less actual trouble with them, than with the white renegades that infest S. E. Alaska, to whose delinquent influence and sordid motives can be traced most of the troubles that have heretofore arisen, especially such as related to the forced differences between laborer and employer. I had a sour case of that kind at Loring, a man named H. M. Donnelly generally called "Mack", a renegade from Rochester N. Y. who with a nice family at that place (\*110 South Fitzhugh St) is raising a half breed family in Alaska. He and others of his ilk aspire to control and leadership among their tillicumms, and will stop to do any sort of dirty work to affect their ends - I finally had my patience worn out with Donnelly, and took the occasion of discharging him immediately after or during one of his speeches, upon which he invariably went <sup>after</sup> ~~upon~~ the departure of the Mail Steamer, leaving during her stay



(4)  
laid in a supply of Whiskey from the officers  
of the ship - usually the Carpenter, who I am  
informed acted as the Agt of the Captain, in  
disposing of Liquor at retail, by the Bottle  
along the route, leaving the heavy work to be  
done by the superior officers, notably the  
Captain & Purser, both of whom are said  
to have saved a great deal more money than  
their salary amounts to. But I am  
digressing. If you have an opportunity  
of seeing the President, please say to him  
for me, and other would be decent settlers  
in Alaska, that as far as I have seen Judge  
Dawne, he has come nearer to doing his duty  
than any previous incumbent of his office  
and while knowing nothing (and believing  
less) of the reports concerning his financial  
transactions, I must give him credit for  
the energy displayed while in office, and  
from what I have seen and heard I believe  
that the entire movement against him was  
instigated by Capt Carroll, who found he  
could not use and control him.

You yourself are so familiar (having  
been made a victim) with Carroll's downing  
methods of telegraphing gobbled and lying  
reports on Alaskan affairs from Nainina



which same <sup>(51)</sup> are the only reports which reach  
general Newspaper circulation, that you can  
easily read Carrolls animus between the  
lines of his dispatches.

Danue made the entire circuit  
of all the points in S. E. Alaska in a canoe  
posted himself thoroughly, and was in shape  
to attend to his business soberly, and under-  
standingly when he was removed, and though  
I am a good republican (a hen republican  
always scratching) yet I have only words  
of good cheer for the present Administra-  
tion in Alaska from the Govr down, and you  
will see that this opinion is not of recent  
formation, by reading the enclosed clipping  
from the Portland Standard of Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

I am in receipt of a letter from  
Senator Dolph, in reply to mine upon the  
subject of opening the lands (timber) of  
Alaska for the benefit of actual settlers  
I enclose you copy, and if you could see  
him and explain the necessities of the case  
I believe a proper measure could be intro-  
duced and passed at this session. If passed  
it will certainly help the prospective "Loring  
Colony"

Yours Sincerely  
May Pracht